

2016–17 California Assessment System

	Content	Test	Type	Participants	Grade Level(s)	Window
CAASPP	ELA Mathematics	Smarter Balanced Format: CAT and CBT or P/P ⁽¹⁾	MC SR CR PT	All students at designated grade levels <i>Exceptions:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Eligible students participating in the CAAs ELA only – English learners who are in their first 12 months of attending a school in the United States 	3–8 and 11 ⁽²⁾	Available Testing Window begins when 66 percent of instructional year has been completed and continues through last day of instruction: LEAs may select their own testing window each year: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Schedule in Test Operations Management System (TOMS) Minimum window of 25 instructional days Must fall within available testing window.
	ELA Mathematics	CAAs Format: CBT	MC SR CR TE	Students with the most significant cognitive disabilities whose individualized education program (IEP) designates the use of an alternate assessment.	3–8 and 11	March 20 through last day of instruction or end of selected testing window
	Science	CAST— Pilot Test Format: CBT	MC SR CR TE PT	All students in designated grade levels <i>Exceptions:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Eligible students participating in the CAA for Science 	5 and 8, and sample of students in grades 10, 11, and 12.	March 20 through last day of instruction or end of selected testing window
	Science	CAA for Science—Pilot Test Format: CBT	Embedded Performance Task	Students with the most significant cognitive disabilities and his or her IEP designate the use of an alternate assessment	5 and 8, and sample of students in grades 10, 11, and 12.	March 20 through last day of instruction or end of selected testing window
	Standards-based Tests in Spanish	STS Format: P/P	MC	English learners at no cost to the LEA or non-English learners (e.g., pupils in dual immersion classrooms) at the cost of the LEA	2–11 Optional	25-day window includes 12 instructional days before and after completion of 85 percent of instructional days.

⁽¹⁾ Paper-pencil versions of the Smarter Balanced Summative Assessments are available to local educational agencies that meet specific criteria.

⁽²⁾ Smarter Balanced Summative Assessments administered in grade 11 will be used for Early Assessment Program (EAP) purposes.

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CELDT	Listening Speaking Reading Writing	CELDT Format: P/P	MC CR PA	Initial—All students whose primary language is other than English Annual—Identified English learners until they are reclassified as fluent English proficient	K–12	Initial—Within 30 calendar days after enrolling in a California public school. Annual—July 1 through October 31
PFT	Aerobic Capacity Body Composition Abdominal Strength and Endurance Trunk Extensor Strength and Flexibility Upper Body Strength and Endurance Flexibility	FITNESSGRAM ⁽³⁾ Format: PA	PA	All students, regardless of whether they are enrolled in a physical education class or participate in a block schedule	5, 7, and 9	February 1 through May 31
CHSPE	For information on the optional CHSPE for 2016–17, visit the California Department of Education CHSPE Web page at http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/sp/ .					
HSET	California has approved the use of three high school equivalency tests (i.e., General Education Department [GED®Test], High School Equivalency Test [HiSET], and Test Assessing Secondary Completion [TASC]. For more information on these three optional tests, visit the California Department of Education HSET Web page at http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/gd/ .					
NAEP	For information on NAEP for 2016–17, contact Julie Williams by phone at (916) 319-0408 or by e-mail at julwilli@cde.ca.gov .					

⁽³⁾ The FITNESSGRAM is a registered trademark of The Cooper Institute.

Legend:

CAAs – California Alternate Assessments

CAST – California Science Test

CBT – Computer-based test

CELDT – California English Language Development Test

CHSPE – California High School Proficiency Examination

CR – Constructed response

ELA – English language arts/literacy

HSET – High School Equivalency Tests

LEA – Local educational agency

MC – Multiple choice

NAEP – National Assessment of Educational Progress

PA – performance assessment

PFT – Physical Fitness Test

P/P – Paper- pencil

SR – Selected response

STS – Standards-based Tests in Spanish

TE – Technology enhanced